

REMARKS

This Response is intended to fully respond to the Office Action dated April 21, 2004. In that Office Action, claims 1-4, 11-14 and 20 were rejected. More specifically, claims 1-4, 11-14 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 6,289,360 issued to Kolodner et al., (hereinafter "Kolodner") in view of Smithline et al. (USPN 5,787,447) and further in view of Lentz (USPN 5,440,746.) Also, in this Office Action, claims 5-10 and 15-19 were not addressed since these claims were previously allowed in a prior Office Action, i.e., the Office Action mailed December 29, 2003.

In this response, claims 1-4, 11-14 and 20 are canceled without prejudice. With respect to these claims, Applicant believes that these claims recite allowable subject matter, but in the interest of moving this case to issue, has elected to cancel the rejected claims herein and pursue the subject matter of those claims in a continuation application. In no way should this cancellation be construed as an acquiescence of the veracity of the outstanding rejections.

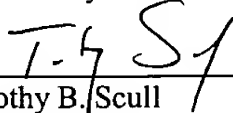
As originally filed, the present application included 20 claims, 6 of which were independent. As amended the present application includes 11 claims 3 of which are independent. It is believed that no further fees are due with this Response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment with respect to this patent application to deposit account number 13-2725.

In light of the above remarks, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. Should any additional issues need to be resolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attempt to resolve those issues.

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